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- ❶ Marion 618/997 3344
- ❸ Rock Island 309/793 5800

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- ❶ Carterville/Marion 618/997 3344
- ❸ Large Rivers Coordination .. 309/793 5811

Law Enforcement Offices

- ❷ Chicago (Wildlife Insp.) 773/894 2910
- ❹ Peoria 309/693 0819
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The mission
of the
**United States
Fish & Wildlife
Service** is
“working
with others to
*conserve,
protect,
and
enhance*
fish and wildlife
and their habitats
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Introduction

U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the principal federal agency responsible for conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. The Service's nearly 93 million acres include 514 National Wildlife Refuges, 78 Ecological Services field stations, 66 National Fish Hatcheries, 50 wildlife coordination areas, and 38 wetland management districts with waterfowl production areas.

The agency enforces federal wildlife laws, manages migratory bird populations, restores nationally significant fisheries, conserves and restores wildlife habitat such as wetlands, administers the Endangered Species Act, and helps foreign governments with their conservation efforts.

The Service also oversees the Federal Aid program that distributes federal excise taxes on fishing and hunting equipment to state wildlife agencies. This program is a cornerstone of the nation's wildlife management efforts, funding fish and wildlife restoration, boating access, hunter education, shooting ranges, and related projects across America.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Director Jamie Rappaport Clark has indicated four conservation goals she would like the Service to focus on in the coming year. These goals are:

- Strengthening our ecosystem approach to fish and wildlife conservation
- Lifting the conservation of migratory birds to a higher level
- Leading the effort to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive species
- Setting the course for the future of America's National Wildlife Refuge System





Regional Highlights

Great Lakes - Big Rivers

*Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota,
Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin*

Regional Goal

Our Regional goal is to work shoulder to shoulder with the states, tribes and our many other partners. In this way, we will achieve our vision of ***a better place for fish and wildlife*** and the people who enjoy them.

1998 Regional Facts

- Employment: 959 people
- Managed Acres: 1.2 million
- The Fiscal Year 1998 Budget for Regional Service activities totals \$58.2 million
- 4,962 volunteers donated 224,952 hours to help with Service projects
- 104,325 school children participated in Service educational programs
- Over 6.8 million people visited Service facilities throughout Region 3. Of these:
 - 534,179 hunted
 - 1,017,142 fished
 - 3,579,339 visited to view wildlife

Refuge Program Facts

- 54 National Wildlife Refuges and nine Wetland Management Districts
- More than 240,000 acres in waterfowl production areas

Other Regional Programs and Offices

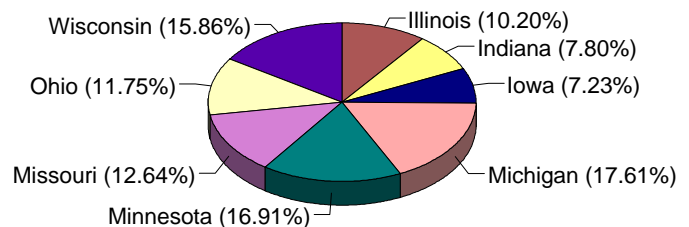
- Five National Fish Hatcheries
- 11 Fisheries stations
- 10 Ecological Services offices
- 21 Law Enforcement offices

Federal Aid Program

In Fiscal Year 1998, the Region's Federal Aid Office managed \$87.5 million to help strengthen sport fish and wildlife restoration programs throughout the states within Region 3.

Federal Aid Apportionments FY1998

Region 3 States' Share of \$87.5 Million:



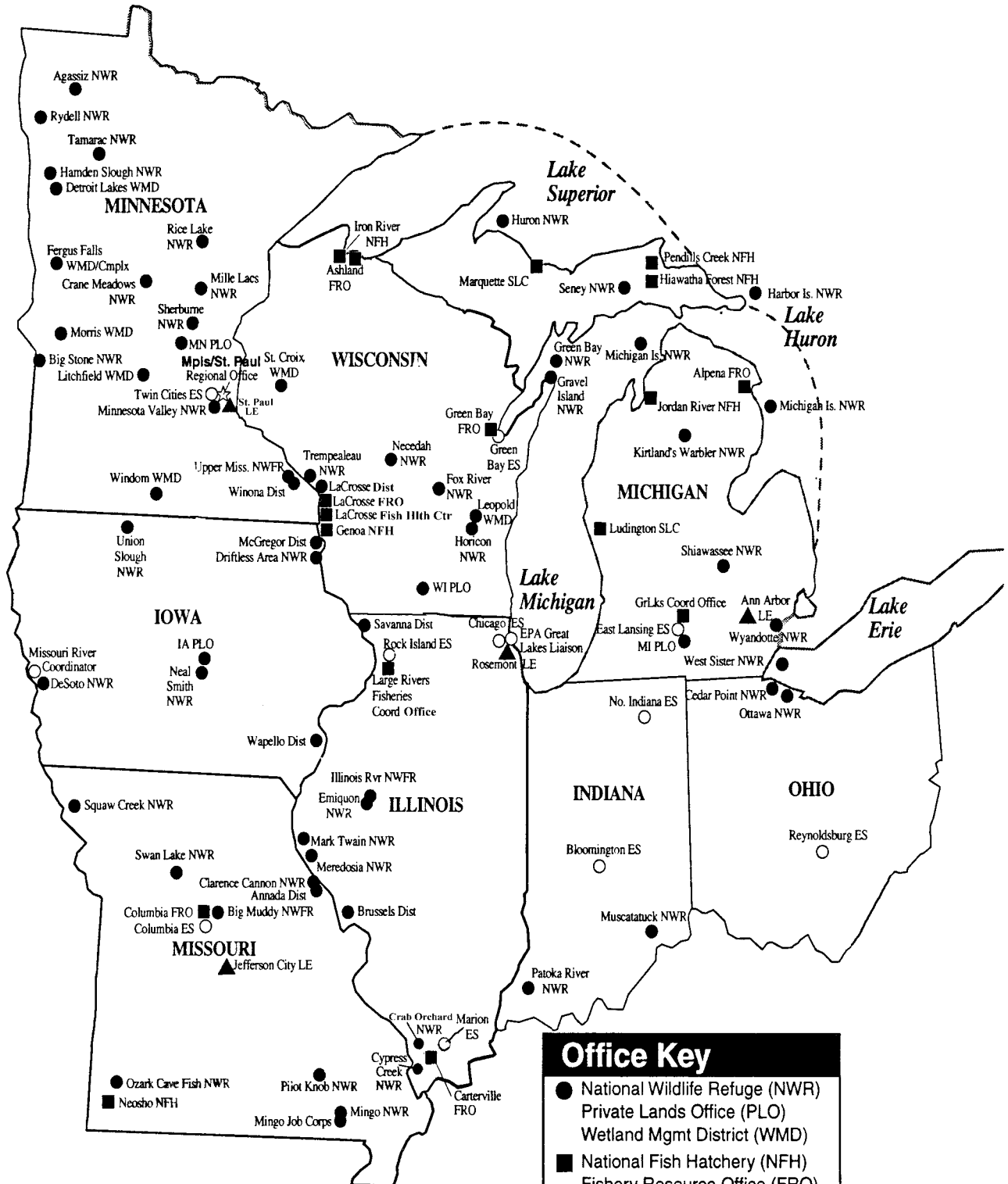
The Region is Committed to:

- Healthy fish and wildlife trust species (migratory birds, endangered species and interjurisdictional fish) populations, and habitats that support them
- Providing the public with quality hunting, fishing, wildlife watching, and other recreational opportunities on Service lands
- Expanded partnerships, which offer innovative opportunities to enhance the nation's fish and wildlife resources
- A clearly defined U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service organization dedicated toward employee excellence, reflecting the nation's rich diversity and providing quality service and decision-making closer to the resources in our trust



Region 3

Great Lakes - Big Rivers



Office Key

- National Wildlife Refuge (NWR)
- Private Lands Office (PLO)
- Wetland Mgmt District (WMD)
- National Fish Hatchery (NFH)
- Fishery Resource Office (FRO)
- Sea Lamprey Control (SLC)
- Ecological Services Office (ES)
- ▲ Law Enforcement Office (LE)



Illinois

State Highlights

1998 Illinois State Facts

- Employment: 115 people
- The Fiscal Year 1998 Resource Management budget for Service activities in Illinois totals \$6.9 million
- 408 volunteers donated 33,024 hours to help with Fish and Wildlife Service projects

National Wildlife Refuge Facts

- Seven National Wildlife Refuges in Illinois total 123,402 acres
- 1,706,755 people visited Refuges in Illinois in 1998. Of these:
 - 104,750 hunted
 - 347,460 fished
 - 713,659 people visited to view wildlife
- 30,430 school children participated in Service educational programs

Federal Aid to State Fish and Wildlife Programs

- In 1998 Illinois received:
 - \$5.7 million for sport fish restoration
 - \$3.3 million for wildlife restoration and hunter education

Paddlefish Problems Investigated

- Fishery biologists investigated growth and mortality problems with paddlefish on the lower part of the Illinois River and are making recommendations to help restore this rare fish to Illinois waters

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

- With state partners, the Service helped private landowners restore 234 wetlands totaling 3,342 acres of fish and wildlife habitat

Bald Eagle Recovery

- The Rock Island Ecological Services Office coordinates nationwide efforts to recover the federally-threatened bald eagle

Chicago Ecological Services Field Office Leads in Wetland Protection

The Chicago Ecological Services Field Office exercises a lead role in regional efforts to conserve and restore wetland habitats in the Chicago metropolitan area. The office also delivers environmental education and outreach programs to the Chicago metro area's large and diverse population

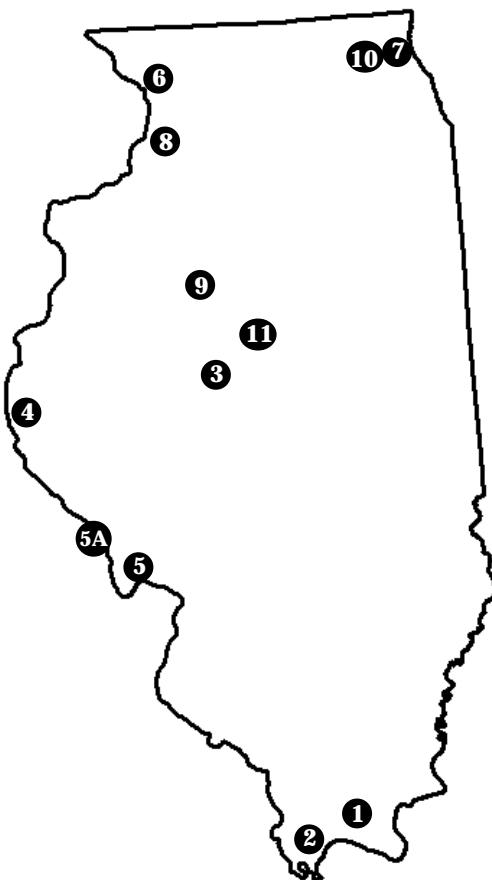
Other State Projects

- North American Waterfowl Management Plan
- Migratory Bird Conservation



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Crab Orchard

National Wildlife Refuge

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*Located on State Highway 148
just west of Marion, Illinois, on the
northern edge of the Ozark foothills*



Refuge Facts

- Established: August 5, 1947
- Acres: 43,550 (4,050 in wilderness)
- Maintains resident youth camp

Natural History

- Topography varies from gently rolling slopes to grades of 24 percent
- Contains three lakes covering a total of 8,700 acres
- 5,000 acres of cropland
- 21,000 acres of forest

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 1,200,000 visitors annually
- Concession stands provided for some public use opportunities
- Industrial program on refuge generates \$54 million annually to the local economy
- Refuge contributes substantially to the \$25 million local tourist economy

Refuge Objectives

- Protect, enhance, and manage natural resources and the refuge landscape
- Provide opportunities for and encourage agricultural uses that help attain wildlife conservation goals
- Manage an industrial complex fully utilized by compatible tenants who conform to prescribed safety, health, environmental, and maintenance standards
- Provide interpretation and environmental education opportunities

Management Tools

- Cooperative farming
- Prescribed burning
- Water management
- Permittee grazing

Public Use Opportunities

- Auto tour route
- Visitor center
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Boating, swimming, camping and picnicking

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Cypress Creek

National Wildlife Refuge

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*Located between the Mississippi
and Ohio rivers, approximately
40 miles south of Marion, Illinois*



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1990
- Acres: 14,000
- Planning to expand to 35,509 acres
- Part of Cache River Wetlands Joint Venture Project with The Nature Conservancy, Ducks Unlimited and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Natural History

- Designated as a "Wetland of International Importance"
- Cache River Basin is located at the junction of four prominent physiographic regions
- Refuge contains the oldest living plants east of the Mississippi River - bald cypress trees aged at 1,000-1,500 years old
- Fed by the winding Cache River - a French word meaning "Hidden Place"
- Provides a safe haven for over 50 state threatened and endangered plants and animals
- Largest remaining wetlands resource in Illinois

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 50,000 visitors annually to the area

Refuge Objectives

- Improve public access and provide a variety of wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities
- Provide for environmental education
- Restore forest and wetland habitat for waterfowl, other migratory birds, endangered species and resident wildlife
- Control erosion and sedimentation, maintain efficient hydrologic flow and improve flood control and general water quality
- Protect unique natural areas and maintain biodiversity
- Protect and improve the fishery resource

Management Tools

- Reforestation
- Outreach and education
- Water management
- Wetland restoration
- Cooperative farming

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education and interpretation program
- Wildlife observation

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Illinois River

National Wildlife and Fish Refuges

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Refuge Manager: Ross Adams
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Located eight miles north of
Havana, Illinois, on the Illinois River

Refuge Facts

- The refuge is composed of four areas located within the Illinois River floodplain:
 - Chautauqua NWR, established in 1936, consisting of 4,488 acres;
 - Meredosia NWR, established in 1973, consisting of 3,852 acres;
 - Emiquon NWR, established in 1993, consisting of 1,305 acres; and
 - Cameron/Billsbach Unit, established in 1958, consisting of 1,709 acres
- The refuge extends 124 river miles between the north and south boundaries
- Refuge is planning to protect, restore and/or acquire a total of 32,000 acres of fish and wildlife habitat

Natural History

- Each refuge area is a mix of backwater lakes, bottomland forests, floodplain wetlands and a small amount of upland forest
- The refuge has been designated as an "Important Bird Area" and accepted into the "Western Hemisphere Shorebird Reserve Network"
- Refuge provides habitat for 60-70 percent of the waterfowl that migrate along the Illinois River
- The backwater lakes of the refuge serve as spawning and nursery habitat for a highly productive river fishery

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 50,000 visitors annually

Refuge Objectives

- Provide resting, nesting and feeding habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide for biodiversity
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education
- Provide habitat for resident wildlife

Management Tools

- Wetland restoration
- Water management
- Outreach and education
- Forest restoration
- Prairie restoration

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Wildlife photography



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Mark Twain

National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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*Refuge headquarters is
located in Quincy, Illinois*

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1958
- Acres: approximately 44,000 acres are directly managed by the Service, the Refuge Manager also oversees agreements for lands managed cooperatively with the states of Iowa, Illinois and Missouri; and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- The refuge spans 343 river miles of Mississippi River bottoms between Muscatine, Iowa, and Gorham, Illinois; and approximately 9,000 acres along the Iowa River west of Amana, Iowa
- The refuge has district offices located in Wapello, Iowa; Annada, Missouri; and Brussels, Illinois
- The refuge also administers the Clarence Cannon NWR and the Iowa River Corridor Project

Natural History

- The Mississippi River is internationally significant as a corridor for the movement of migratory birds, people and cargo
- In the 1930's and 40's, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers constructed 27 locks and dams on the Mississippi River to facilitate movement and control water levels

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 100,000 visitors annually

Refuge Objectives

- Provide food, water and protection for migrating and wintering waterfowl and other migratory birds
- Provide habitat for fish and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck production
- Provide public opportunities for outdoor recreation and environmental education
- Maintain portions of the river bottom habitat in its natural state

Management Tools

- Water management
- Outreach and education
- Wetland restoration
- Prescribed burning
- Law enforcement
- Reforestation
- Cooperative farming
- Prairie restoration

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation



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Mark Twain-Brussels District *National Wildlife Refuge*

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Located 17 miles west of Alton, Illinois, on
Highway 100, then across the river on the
Brussels Ferry another 4.5 miles



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1958
- Acres: 8,498
- Brussels District lies near the confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers outlying the St. Louis/Alton metro area
- In Illinois, the District includes Calhoun, Batchtown, and Gilbert Lake divisions and the Apple Creek property
- The District also includes the Portage Island group in St. Charles County, Missouri

Natural History

- Many lands were originally purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the nine-foot navigation channel project
- Management of the land was transferred to the Service
- Refuge is major migration corridor for waterfowl, bald eagles and other birds
- Habitat consists of bottomland forests, lakes, sloughs, cropland and moist soil units
- Riverbend Area of the refuge includes one of the largest overwintering bald eagle populations in the Nation

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 30,000 visitors annually

Refuge Objectives

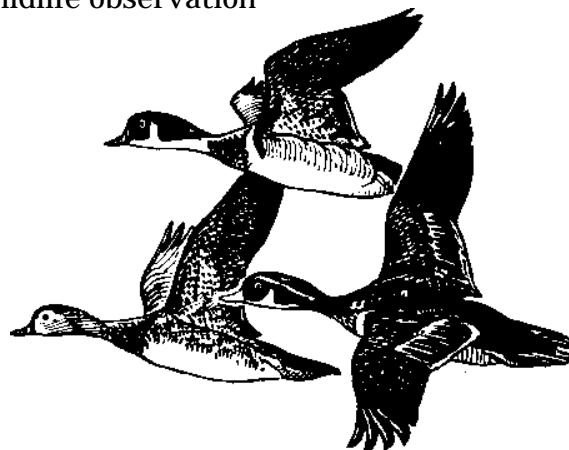
- Protect endangered and threatened species
- Provide food, water and protection for migrating and wintering waterfowl and other birds
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck production
- Provide environmental education and outdoor recreation opportunities

Management Tools

- Water management (including moist soil)
- Restoration of wood and grasslands
- Cooperative farming
- Environment Management Program
- Law enforcement

Public Use Opportunities

- Boating
- Fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation





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Mark Twain - Annada District and Clarence Cannon *National Wildlife Refuges*

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*Headquarters located one mile east of
Annada, Missouri, via Highway 79
to County Road 206*



- The 3,750-acre Clarence Cannon NWR (Pike County, Mo.) also serves as headquarters for the Annada District of Mark Twain NWR

Refuge Facts

- Established: 1958
- Acres: 15,000
- Annada District is separated into four divisions: Gregory Landing and Harlow Island (Clark and Jefferson counties, Mo., respectively) and Gardner and Delair (Adams and Pike counties, Ill., respectively)

Natural History

- The Mississippi River, including refuge lands, is one of the most important migration corridors on the continent for migrating waterfowl and many other birds
- Lands for the Clarence Cannon NWR, and Delair and Gregory Landing Divisions were purchased by the Service as areas with important or potential wildlife habitat
- The Gardner Division lands were originally purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as part of the nine-foot navigation channel project; management of the land was transferred to the Service
- Land for the Harlow Island Division was purchased from willing sellers after the 1993 and 1995 floods

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 45,000 visitors annually

Refuge Objectives

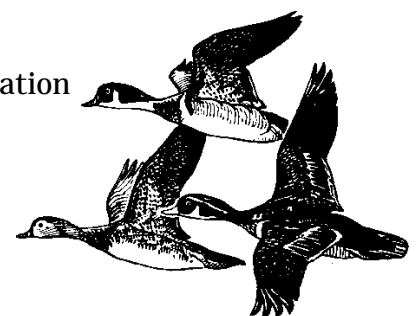
- Protect and enhance refuge habitat for endangered and threatened species
- Provide optimum habitat for migratory birds and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for wood duck production
- Provide recreational and public use opportunities
- Provide for biodiversity

Management Tools

- Cooperative farming
- Outreach and education
- Wetland restoration
- Water management
- Moist soil management
- Reforestation

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation





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Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge *Savanna District*

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Savanna, IL 61074
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<http://www.fws.gov/r3pao>

Refuge Manager: Ed Britton
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Located on Highway 84
south of Savanna, Illinois



Refuge Facts

- Established: 1924
- Acres: 46,000
- Refuge covers Navigation Pools 12, 13 and 14
- Stretches 90 river miles along the Mississippi River from Dubuque, Iowa, to Rock Island, Illinois

Natural History

- Scenic river area with broad pools, braided channels, islands and bluffs rising several hundred feet
- Critical migratory bird area with stunning concentrations of waterfowl, eagles and songbirds
- District includes 29,000 acres of bottomland forest
- Important winter-use area for bald eagles with populations over 300 in recent years

Financial Impact of Refuge

- 3,000,000 visitors annually (refuge-wide)
- Mississippi River annually contributes an estimated \$1 billion in recreational benefits to the region
- Commercial fishing industry

Refuge Objectives

- Protect and preserve one of America's premier fish and wildlife areas
- Provide habitat for migratory birds, fish, plants and resident wildlife
- Protect and enhance habitat for endangered species
- Provide interpretation, environmental education and wildlife-oriented recreational public use opportunities

Management Tools

- Resource monitoring and protection
- Outreach and education
- Water management (including moist soils)
- Environmental Management Program
- Federal and state partnerships

Public Use Opportunities

- Hiking
- Hunting, trapping and fishing
- Environmental education
- Wildlife observation
- Boating

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Chicago

Ecological Services Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1991

Office Goals

- Preserve, protect, enhance, and restore terrestrial and aquatic habitats for Service trust resources
- Promote environmental education in the Chicago metropolitan area and throughout Illinois

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Federal, state and local agencies

Activity Highlights

- Provide leadership and direction for Chicago Wilderness, a collaboration of conservation, scientific and educational organizations dedicated to preserving, managing and restoring the biodiversity of the Chicago area
- Participated in development of a mitigation banking agreement for the Chicago Metro Area in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Provide support for The Nature Conservancy's efforts to restore the federally threatened eastern prairie fringed orchid

Activity Highlights (continued)

- Developed agreements with the Conservation Fund and National Fish and Wildlife Foundation for northeastern Illinois Wetlands Conservation accounts to fund wetland restorations in the Chicago region
- Implemented a program of teacher training workshops and outreach activities that provide accurate, quality information about fish and wildlife resources and habitats
- Conducted a resource inventory of the Chicago River, and remain actively involved in wetland restorations that will benefit this aquatic resource
- Negotiated mitigation plans with local industries and corporations to protect and restore habitat for the federally endangered Hines emerald dragonfly and the threatened eastern prairie fringed orchid
- Represented the Service as a federal partner with the U.S. Department of Agriculture - Urban Resources Partnership in Chicago
- Responsible for administering grants and technical assistance for natural resource projects sponsored by citizen groups, educational institutions and local agencies



Marion

Ecological Services Sub-Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1980
- Administered by Rock Island Field Office
- Work Area: Southern half of Illinois and the Mississippi River from Saverton, Missouri, to Cairo, Illinois

Office Goals

- Provide expert leadership in the conservation of fish and wildlife affected by federally funded or licensed land and water development actions in Illinois, the Upper Mississippi and Lower Ohio rivers
- Help promote a healthy environment for people, fish and wildlife in Illinois, the Upper Mississippi and Lower Ohio rivers
- Help the citizens of Illinois conserve and enjoy the outdoors

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Federal and state agencies
- Local governments and organizations
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

Activity Highlights

- Provide leadership in fish and wildlife conservation efforts relative to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' activities along the Upper Mississippi and Lower Ohio rivers, including commercial navigation, flood control and Environmental Management Program projects with emphasis on restoration of habitats for federal trust resources
- Work cooperatively with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the states of Illinois and Missouri to restore and enhance side channels in the Mississippi River and manage water levels for federal trust resources
- Provide technical assistance to the U.S. Forest Service to conserve and protect federal trust resources on the Shawnee National Forest
- Administers the Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program in central and southern Illinois to restore and enhance habitats for migratory birds, endangered species and aquatic species of concern
- Promote an ecosystem view of flood control projects in the American Bottoms



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Rock Island

Ecological Services Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1962

Office Goals

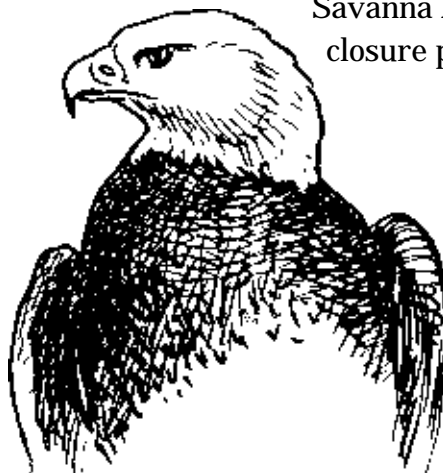
- Provide expert leadership in the conservation of fish and wildlife affected by federally funded or licensed land development actions in Illinois, Iowa and the Upper Mississippi River
- Help protect a healthy environment for people, fish and wildlife in Illinois, Iowa and the Upper Mississippi River
- Help the citizens of Illinois and Iowa conserve and enjoy the outdoors
- Rock Island Field Office also administers the Marion Sub-Office

Services Provided To

- Private citizens
- Federal, state and local agencies
- Other U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service offices

Activity Highlights

- Coordinating nationwide efforts to recover the federally threatened bald eagle
- Provide expert leadership on fish and wildlife conservation efforts relative to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Upper Mississippi River navigation mission
- Work cooperatively with the state of Illinois to offset fish and wildlife losses from release of hazardous substances
- Provide technical assistance for over 10,000-acres of fish and wildlife habitat restoration on private lands via the Wetland Reserve and Partners for Fish and Wildlife programs
- Provide a coordinator to the Upper Mississippi River Conservation Committee which is dedicated to cooperative fish and wildlife management among the five border state of the Mississippi River
- Developed a wildlife management plan for Savanna Army Depot as part of base closure plan





Carterville/Marion

Fishery Resources Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1981

Geographic Area Served

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Ohio
- Missouri
- Mississippi River - from Rock Island, Illinois, to Cairo, Illinois; including Mark Twain National Wildlife Refuge
- Ohio River - bordering the states of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois
- Wabash River - bordering the states of Indiana and Illinois
- Illinois River

Office Goals

- Ensure conservation, restoration and enhancement of major aquatic ecosystems of the Upper Mississippi River/Tallgrass Prairie and Ohio River Valley ecosystems
- Reverse the decline of interjurisdictional and threatened fish populations of the Mississippi, Ohio, Wabash and Illinois rivers
- Ensure sound management of fishery resources on National Wildlife Refuges with primary emphasis on interjurisdictional and other trust fishes
- Assist other federal agencies with the management of fishery resources on a cost-reimbursable basis

Services Provided To

- Federal and state agencies
- Military bases
- Other Fish and Wildlife Service offices

Activity Highlights

- Studies of paddlefish and sturgeon population levels, habitat, life history, genetics, and health
- Planning and evaluation of the Upper Mississippi River Environmental Management Program
- Habitat rehabilitation and enhancement projects
- Management of interjurisdictional and other trust fisheries on National Wildlife Refuges
- Assistant team leader - Ohio River Valley ecosystem
- Team leader - Ohio River Valley ecosystem fisheries subgroup



Large Rivers

Fisheries Coordination Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1992

Geographic Area Covered

- Region 2: Oklahoma and Texas
- Region 3: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Ohio
- Region 4: Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina and Georgia
- Region 5: Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and New York
- Region 6: North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana
- Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Illinois rivers in Region 3
- Ninety-three interjurisdictional rivers in the Mississippi River Basin

Office Goals

- Improve basin wide networking and coordinating mechanisms
- Develop an information management program based on standardized methods
- Determine and document the socioeconomic value of interjurisdictional fishery resources and related recreation
- Improve communication and coordination among entities responsible for fisheries resource management

Office Goals (continued)

- Address fishery management concerns from an ecosystem perspective
- Develop compatible regulations and policies for the allocation of fishery resources
- Develop protocols, policies, and regulations for disease control, introduction of exotic species, maintenance of genetic integrity, and maintenance and enhancement of indigenous species
- Preserve, protect, and restore fishery habitats basin wide

Services Provided To

- Project leader serves as Coordinator/ Executive Secretary for the Mississippi Interstate Cooperative Resource Association (MICRA).
- Other U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service program offices
- Other federal, state, tribal and partner organizations

Activity Highlights

- Basin wide coordination of a paddlefish study documenting population levels, habitat use and life history
- Publication of "River Crossings," a national newsletter on riverine ecology, conservation and management
- Establishment of programs to address basin wide interjurisdictional rivers fisheries management issues



Chicago

Wildlife Inspection Program

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Office Facts

- Established: 1976

Law Enforcement Objectives

- To protect and conserve native and foreign wildlife through the enforcement of federal laws
- To promote and encourage voluntary compliance with federal wildlife laws through public education and the creation of a deterrent effect



Law Enforcement Briefs

- Chicago is one of 13 designated ports in the United States for the importation/exportation of wildlife
- Approximately \$25 million in wildlife trade is processed annually through the port
- Approximately four million arriving international passengers are processed annually through the port
- Over 100 educational presentations are made annually by the wildlife inspection staff

Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- Lacey Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Exotic Bird Conservation Act
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)



Peoria

Law Enforcement Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1983
- The Peoria Field Office is administered by the Rosemont, Illinois Field Office

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Law Enforcement Priorities

- To investigate violations that have a significant impact on wild populations of federally protected species, such as those violations involving commercial exploitation and/or habitat destruction and modification
- To investigate violations that involve wild populations of species protected by state or foreign laws, with emphasis on interstate and foreign commercial exploitation
- To provide support and assistance to enforcement activities on Service lands, such as National Wildlife Refuges, and to other federal agencies on lands they oversee
- To promote awareness of, and support for, federal wildlife laws and the role of law enforcement in protecting our wildlife resources and heritage

Laws Enforced

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Duck Stamp Act
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
- National Wildlife Refuge Act
- Lacey Act
- Airborne Hunting Act
- Endangered Species Act
- Marine Mammal Protection Act
- Archaeological Resource Protection Act
- African Elephant Conservation Act
- Wild Exotic Bird Conservation Act



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Rosemont

Law Enforcement Field Office

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Office Facts

- Established: 1972
- The Rosemont Field Office also administers the following Law Enforcement Offices in Illinois and Indiana:
 - Peoria, Illinois
 - Springfield, Illinois
 - Indianapolis, Indiana

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Springfield

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Office Facts

- Established: 1996
- The Springfield Field Office is administered by the Rosemont, Illinois Field Office

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Illinois

North American Waterfowl Management Plan



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About the "Plan"

- An international agreement signed in 1986
- Goal: return waterfowl populations to levels of the mid 1970's
- Achieve goal by restoring and protecting wetland and grassland habitat
- Includes 13 habitat joint ventures and two species joint ventures in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico

Partner Involvement

- Private Landowners
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Corporations
- Tribal, local, state and federal government agencies

Habitat Accomplishments

- Restored over 9,000 acres of drained wetlands and converted grasslands
- Seeded retired cropland to native grasses
- Protected floodplain and stream habitat
- Protected and restored bottomland hardwood forests

Illinois Projects

Wetland and grassland restorations within:

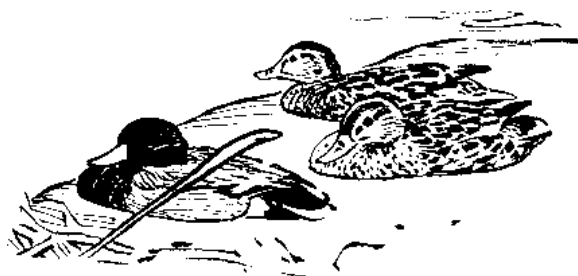
- Cache River watershed
- Red's Landing
- J.L. Markham Moist Soil Area
- Illinois River watershed
- Federal, state and county lands
- Private lands statewide through voluntary participation

Financial Assistance

- Matching dollars from non-federal partners totaling over \$6.6 million
- North American Wetland Conservation Act grants; eight grants totaling over \$2.4 million
- North American Waterfowl Management Plan dollars totaling over \$300,000

Public Benefits

- Increased recreational opportunities
- Enhanced wildlife diversity
- Improved community relations
- Enhanced floodwater storage
- Improved water quality
- Broad coalition of partnerships supporting "voluntary" wetland preservation





Illinois

Federal Aid

Sport Fish and Wildlife Restoration

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Where the money comes from

Federal excise taxes paid by hunters, anglers, and boaters on hunting and fishing equipment, a portion of the federal fuel tax, and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

What the money can be used for

Fish and wildlife research, habitat enhancement, technical assistance to private landowners, environmental review of public projects, land acquisition, operation and maintenance of areas and facilities, boating and angler access improvements, comprehensive planning for fish and wildlife resources, and hunter and aquatic education.

Number of participants and economic benefits to Illinois

- Fishing
 - Number of anglers..... 1.3 million
 - Fishing expenditures.....\$1.6 billion
- Hunting
 - Number of hunters.....170,000
 - Hunting expenditures..... \$470 million

How much money is involved (1998 apportionments)

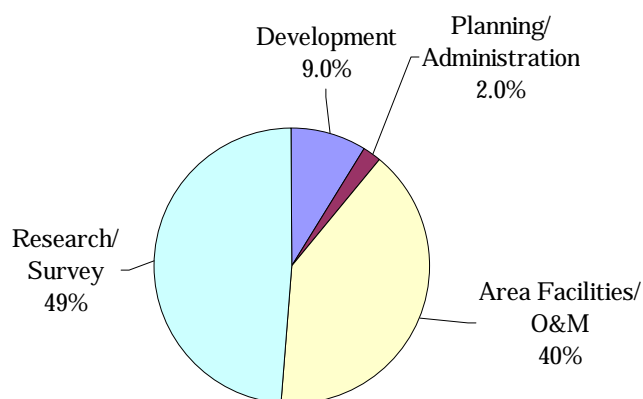
Sport Fish Restoration..... \$5.7 million
Wildlife Restoration.....\$3.3 million

Federal Aid Success Story

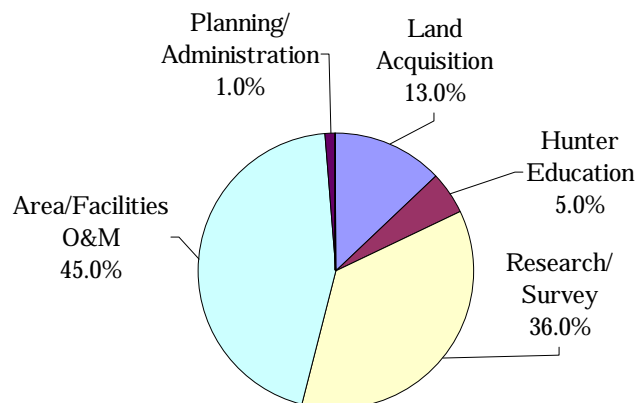
Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration dollars have allowed Illinois to provide sanctuary, food and water to sustain waterfowl during the fall and spring migrations on State Waterfowl Management Areas. The project also provides habitat for resident waterfowl and results in improved recreational opportunities for hunters and other outdoor enthusiasts. Overall, the project includes six areas and a total of 72,500 acres.

Federal dollars at work in Illinois

Use of Sport Fish Restoration Funds



Use of Wildlife Restoration Funds





Illinois

Migratory Bird Conservation

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Inventory and Monitoring

- Woodcock Singing Ground Survey
- Mourning Dove Call Count Survey
- Mid-Winter Waterfowl Survey
- Waterfowl banding program
- Nongame bird inventories on National Wildlife Refuge System lands

Research

- Develop Geographic Information System (GIS) for migratory bird habitat conservation along the Upper Mississippi River
- Study the effects of hydrology and floodplain restoration on the breeding success of songbirds in the Cache River Wetlands Area
- Study of grassland bird productivity at the Savanna Army Depot
- Study of bird use in floodplain forests of the Cache River Wetlands Area

Management

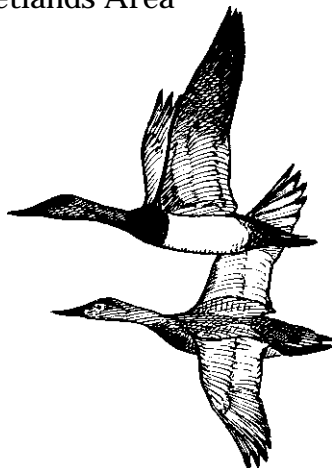
- Wetland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Grassland protection, restoration and enhancement
- Bottomland hardwood restoration
- Hunting regulations development
- Issuance of 18 types of migratory bird permits

Partnerships

- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Illinois Natural History Survey
- The Nature Conservancy
- U.S.G.S. Biological Resources Division

Outreach

- International Migratory Bird Day
- Junior Duck Stamp Contest





Illinois

Partners for Fish and Wildlife

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Opportunities on Private Lands

Habitat Restoration

- Wetland and associated uplands
- Migratory bird habitat
- Watersheds of National Wildlife Refuges
- Voluntary participation

Technical Assistance

- Wetland and Conservation Reserve Programs
- Wetlands Conservation Provisions
- Farm Service Agency
- Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program
- Environmental Quality Incentive Programs
- Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program/Illinois River Watershed

Partnerships

- U.S. Department of Agriculture
- Illinois Department of Natural Resources
- Ducks Unlimited
- Local Soil and Water Conservation Districts
- Private conservation organizations

1998 Funding and Special Projects

- \$230,500 for habitat restoration and technical assistance
- Illinois River Corridor
- Lower Mississippi Valley and Upper Mississippi River/Great Lakes Region Joint Ventures

Wetland Restorations (1987-1998)

- 234 sites
- 3,342 acres





Illinois

Division of Realty

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Ascertainment and Planning

- Before a new refuge is established, or the boundary of an existing refuge is significantly revised, the Service completes a detailed planning process to consider the effects of the proposed actions. A team of biologists and planners identify potential new lands to be acquired or preserved in some other way. The team works with local communities, landowners, state agencies, private conservation groups, and other interested parties to carefully plan where new lands and waters should be protected or restored for endangered species, migratory birds or other nationally important fish and wildlife conservation purposes.
- The Service is also required to prepare management plans for existing refuges. These Comprehensive Conservation Plans (CCP) detail management direction on refuges for a 15 year period. The Planning staff ensures that all planning efforts comply with National Environmental Policy Act requirements.
- Public involvement is an important component of all these planning processes.

1998 Illinois Activities

- Land acquisition activities, using the Land and Water Conservation Fund, occurred at Cypress Creek, Emiquon and Meredosia National Wildlife Refuges
- Land acquisition activities, using Natural Resource Damage Assessment Funds, occurred at Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge

Land Acquisition

- The Realty Division's staff of appraisers and realty specialists works with landowners who have indicated an interest in selling their property, or property interests, to the Service. The appraisers determine fair market value and the realty specialists make the fee-title or easement purchases from these willing landowners. Lands are acquired by using funds from:
 - The Migratory Bird Conservation Fund (received from the sale of Federal Duck Stamps)
 - The Congressionally appropriated Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - Natural Resource Damage Assessments

Realty Management

- Once properties are acquired, the Realty Management staff is responsible for managing real estate records for over one million acres of Service owned lands throughout Region 3.

The Realty Management staff also:

- Works to assure that counties receive revenue sharing payments
- Processes non-funded land acquisition such as exchanges, donations, transfers and withdrawals
- Processes right-of-way permits across Service owned land
- Provides surveying capabilities for land acquisition and boundary retracement
- Produces cartographic products for Service use